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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Sasa KRANJC et al. :

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Int'l App. No. PCT/GB97/01007

Filed: (herewith) : Examiner: (not yet known)
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For: PROCESS FOR THE PREPARATION OF CLAVULANIC ACID

Box PCT
Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please amend the above-identified application , before
examination, as follows:

In the Specification:

Add an abstract, as follows:

--ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A process for preparation of clavulanic acid includes
fermentation of a clavulanic acid-producing species of
Streptomyces in a fermentation broth containing sources of
assimilable carbon, nitrogen, and phosphorus, where the